

London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham Record of Cabinet Member Decision

The call-in has expired and the decision can be implemented.

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- Confirmed Decision List published on: 7 August 2025

1. **TITLE:** **Contract extension for the delivery of the Learning Disability Flexible Support**

2. **DECISION MADE BY:** Deputy Leader (responsible for Children and Education)

3. **DECISION:**

That the Deputy Leader:

1. Notes that Appendix 1 is not for publication on the basis that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information) as set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
2. Approves the extension to Certitude for the Learning Disability Flexible Support Service for from 1st July 2025 to 30th September 2026.
3. Notes the contract variation from 50 units to 45 units following the closure of one of the properties in the block contract.
4. Notes the contract variation novating from Yarrow Housing Limited to Certitude Group.
5. Approves the outstanding additional flexi hours payment as outlined in Exempt Appendix 1.

4. **REASON FOR DECISION:**

Extending the Contract will ensure that the following social care priorities are achieved:

1. Any change in the provider without a lengthy mobilisation plan would create unrest and anxiety amongst residents.
2. To enable the redesign of a fully co-produced model that is specific to the needs of residents and their circles of support in Hammersmith & Fulham in line with the findings of the placement sufficiency review.
3. Forward planning to align the recommissioning of a new service which accounts for future transition planning.
4. To enable people to live near to their families and friends, and continue to be able to access local services and support they have previously enjoyed and benefited from
5. To enable people to feel valued by their communities and feel like they belong
6. To ensure access to leisure and social activities to reduce social isolation and improve well-being.
7. To enable people to engage in meaningful activities such as paid employment,

volunteering, and life-long education.

8. Supporting smooth transitioning for looked after children moving to adult social care.
9. Stimulate the market to develop innovative solutions to providing homes within the borough for adults with learning disabilities.

5. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Option 1 – Extend and novate the Contract for 15 months - Recommended

This option is recommended to align this contract with similar contracts in scope of the placement sufficiency review, service redesign and re-commissioning of new supported living services from October 2026. The block contract will be novated to Certitude Group and reduced to 45 units, reflecting the change in contract arrangements in November 2023.

Option 2 - Do Nothing - Not recommended

This does not support the council's long-term commitment to increase the supply of disabled, accessible housing within the borough.

6. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:**

None.

Date of Decision
04 August 2025